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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PRC BY COMMERCE OFFICER WILLIAM W.
CLARKE

REF: (A) PEKING 0790; (B) STATE 180675

1. WILLIAM W. CLARKE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PRC AFFAIRS,
BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN
AUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO PRC TO OBSERVE CANTON TRADE FAIR AND
CONSULT WITH USLO AND HONG KONG CONGEN OFFICERS.

2. REF A SUGGESTS THAT CLARKE ARRIVE IN HONG KONG
OCTOBER 24 OR EARLIER, CONFER THERE WITH HONG KONG ECON/
COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AND USLO ECON/COMMERCIAL CHIEF
HOROWITZ, THEN TRAVEL TO PEKING WITH HOROWITZ ABOUT
OCTOBER 28. REFTEL PROPOSED THAT AFTER CONSULTATIONS IN
PEKING, CLARKE TRAVEL TO CANTON WITH ROPE, STAY AT THE FAIR
FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK AND EXIT PRC TO HONG KONG ON OR ABOUT
NOVEMBER 11. IN VIEW OF POSTPONEMENT OF NCUSCT VISIT TO
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PRC UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER AND SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL TO CANTON

FAIR BY USLO AND HONG KONG OFFICERS WHICH USLO WILL
PRESENT TO MFT PER REF B, IS THIS STILL PREFERRED USLO AND
HONG KONG SCHEDULE? PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. TIMING OF
CLARKE'S OTHER TRAVEL IN EAST ASIA DEPENDS ON PRC ITINERARY.

3. INSTRUCTIONS REF B RE CLARKE TRAVEL STILL STAND.
USLO SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH MFT DURING
DISCUSSION OF USG 'PRESENCE' AT CANTON FAIR. WE BELIEVE
IT IS DESIRABLE THAT CLARKE TRAVEL BE SUBJECT OF LATER,
ROUTINE APPROACH TO MFA FOR VISA ISSUANCE ONCE HIS
ITINERARY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. RUSH

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